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In re Application of :  
Joanne E. BURN, et al. :  
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For: CONTROL OF FLOWERING

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37

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